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German Patent Publication No. DE 102 28 126*
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German Patent Publication No. DE 299 22 976+
European Patent Publication No. EP 0 179 410*
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U.S. Patent Appln. Serial. No.: 10/526,347
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Applicants' attorney notes that the patent and publications listed above that are designated with an asterisk, "*", were cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with applicants' corresponding International Patent Application No. WO 2004/021829. With reference to the attached copy of the International Search Report, it provides an indication as to the relevance of the cited patents and publications perceived by the European Patent Office. While English-language translations of German Patent Publication No. DE 102 28 126 and European Patent Publication Nos. EP 0 179 410 and EP 0 594 939 are presently unavailable, English-language abstracts of these foreign-language publications are attached to the enclosed copies of same. In such circumstances, additional comments concerning the relevance of the foregoing references are deemed unnecessary.

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